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FIRPO DEFEATS JESS WILLARD IN EIGHTH ROUND

**Argentinian Had Best of
Fight From Ringing of
First Gong. Firpo to Meet
Dempsey for Championship**

(By The Associated Press.)
RINGSIDE, JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 13.—Jess Willard, the man-mountain from Kansas, went back to fistic oblivion last night, but he staged the last, though futile act of his comeback before a vast throng of more than 100,000, the greatest in ring history, that filled Boyle's Thirty Acres to overflowing.

Luis Angel Firpo, the dark-browed mauler from Argentine, closed the door to Willard's attempted return to fistic fame by knocking out the giant former champion in the eighth round of a slashing battle—one of the greatest in recent heavyweight history. Incidentally, he reached the goal at which he has aimed for the past year of his meteoric rise to prominence—a match for the title with Jack Dempsey.

There was no question of the superiority of the brilliant Argentine latter last night. Willard's superior weight, height and reach enabled the big Kansan to check Firpo's rushing attacks in most of the early rounds but, despite the American's gameness under fire, the tide of battle swung inevitably in favor of the younger, more rugged fighter.

The final round opened slowly. They sparred at long range and there was little hint that the end was near. But suddenly Firpo unleashed a savage drive to Willard's head and body. The fury of that attack had never before failed to bring down the South American's quaky and big Jess, despite his towering size and staming, wilted. Step by step Willard gave ground, trying almost blindly to ward off the volley of jolts to his head and body. Backed against the ropes, his head sank, then a right shot to the head sent him to his knees. He knelt as Referee Harry Lewis started counting, shaking his head and trying to lift up. But the waning strength in that great bulk was unequal to the task and he sank into the arms of his handlers at the final count.

Four years ago Willard came up after being knocked down seven times in the first round of the fight in which he lost the title to Jack Dempsey. But while the same courage remained today, he could not muster the strength to arise after that devastating attack of Firpo's.

Firpo's greater speed and ability to attack his big target at more angles gave him an early advantage. But the South American often displayed bad judgment of distance, and this, coupled with Willard's ability to block his opponent's rushes, resulted in little effective battling.

Willard, except for an occasional jab with his left, stayed on the defensive, waiting for a chance to shoot in an uppercut. But Firpo, a shifty object, gave him few opportunities, in the first "Firpo cut Willard's ear and in the fourth he pummeled the big Kansan about the ring with a drive to the head. Jess absorbed heavy punishment but came back in the next round with his only real offensive.

Firpo backed to the ropes under a barrage of blows to the head, but Willard failed to follow up his advantage, brief as it was. He seemed lethargic and hesitant to carry the fight to his opponent.

After that one flicker of fistic fire, Willard subsided. Firpo paved the way for the end with a slashing attack in the sixth, weakening the big Kansan with rights to the body. The end came in the eighth after one minute and fifty-five seconds of fighting.

This ended a fight that has no parallel in ring history for a bout in which no championship was at stake. But the fact that two of the most picturesque fighters the game has ever known—one a veteran trying to scale the heights again, and the other a rugged, brilliant youngster—were to fight for a chance at the throne now occupied by Dempsey, pressed the greatest magnet of any match in history. The main bout of the evening was followed by a flash of the dramatic, which on another occasion would have attracted greater attention.

M'ALLEN TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE FOR SEWER AND STREETS

M'ALLEN, Texas, July 13.—A special meeting will be held in this city on August 13 for the purpose of getting the sentiment of the voters of McAllen on the proposition to issue bonds for the purpose of repairing and extending the improved streets of the city, and for the purpose of repairing and extending the present sewer system of the city.

The proposition will be submitted to the voters in two divisions. The first will be on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$30,000 to provide funds for the improvement of the streets of the city.

The second proposition will be on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$20,000 to provide funds for the extension and improvement of the sewer system of the city.

King Cotton Now Reigns Supreme in Lower Rio Grande Valley Country

(Special to the Herald.)
HARLINGEN, Texas, July 13.—At a time when kings are being banished from the thrones in foreign countries, there is a king attempting to enthrone himself in the Rio Grande Valley. This king promised riches and prosperity to all who choose to follow him and many left the ranks of King Cabbage and took up the banner of King Cotton and are now beginning to realize on the promises made at the beginning of the present campaign.

Cotton fields throughout the entire Rio Grande delta, with Harlingen as the heart, are opening up, and subjects of King Cotton are working with all their might gathering the white staple and rushing it to the gins. The ginning season should be on in full blast in all communities in the Valley beginning the first of the week.

Leaf Worm Ravages.
The ravages of the leaf worm during the past week has cut the output by about 20 per cent, according to the estimates made in various parts of the Valley, but in the Harlingen section the reduction will not be over 10 per cent.

AGREEMENT ON REPARATIONS MAY BE RESULT

(By The Associated Press.)
PARIS, July 13.—Prime Minister Baldwin's statement on reparations is generally commented on in French official circles today as a carefully worded document which might lead to an agreement between the allies and Germany. This is said to be dependent on the nature of the note is now announced will be forthcoming from the French government after personal and assent to the British statement. In both the foreign affairs circles and the ministry of the interior the general tone is optimistic.

BROWNSVILLE OIL MILL STARTS RUN OF SEASON TODAY

The Brownsville oil mill started operations today, using seed obtained from the local gin which is now operating on full schedule. Plans have been made to acquire at least double the present seed storage capacity and a run of five or six months is expected.

The mill has been thoroughly overhauled and is in excellent condition for the long run. It is one of the largest plants in South Texas, and will be in position this year to handle a large part of the cotton seed produced in the Valley, assuring Valley farmers the maximum price for seed.

PLENTY OF CARS TO MOVE TEXAS CROPS

(By The Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, Texas, July 13.—There is little prospect for a shortage of freight cars for grain shipping in Texas in the near future, the state railroad commission announced today.

A campaign of cooperation has been inaugurated by the commission, shipper and railroads to prevent any possible shortage.

Official Weather Reports

Brownsville and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.
East Texas: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Light to moderate variable winds on the coast, mostly southerly.

Weather Conditions
Light to moderately heavy scattered showers occurred since yesterday morning in Florida, the middle Atlantic states, in the middle Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys, the southern Rocky Mountain region, and in the far Northwest. Temperatures were slightly lower this morning in the great central valleys and the middle Atlantic states, and slightly higher practically throughout the cotton belt.

The highest readings yesterday at Texas stations ranged from 100 at Fort Worth to 90 at Corpus Christi, and Galveston.

Local Weather Data

Barometer 7 a.m. yesterday	29.97
Barometer 7 a.m. today	29.92
Temperature highest yesterday	91.
Temperature 2 p.m. yesterday	90.
Temperature 4 p.m. yesterday	89.
Temperature 7 p.m. yesterday	84.
Temperature lowest last night	77.
Temperature 7 a.m. today	78.
Temperature 10 a.m. today	86.
Temperature 12:30 today	89.
Humidity 7 a.m. yesterday (pet)	68.
Humidity 7 a.m. today (pet)	91.
Humidity 12:30 today (pet)	48.
Precipitation 7 p.m. yesterday	0.00
Precipitation 7 a.m. today	0.00
Total rainfall this month	1.45
Wind (dir. and vel.) 7 p.m.	SE-12
Wind (dir. and vel.) 7 a.m.	S-5
Weather 7 p.m. yesterday	pt. cldy
Weather 7 a.m. today	pt. cldy

VALLEY COTTON GROWERS PLAN FOR TOP CROP

Express Opinion That Elimination of Boll Weevil Will Make Profitable Top Crop Possible in Valley

The Valley has an opportunity to produce a top crop of cotton this year which will more than offset the damage done by the leaf worm, was the opinion expressed this morning by a number of Valley growers who were discussing the crop situation. They were unanimous in declaring that the loss caused by the leaf worm would average at least 25 per cent for the entire Valley, and they also declared that if the cotton is picked as rapidly as possible, and as soon as the crop is off, and the land irrigated, and then well cultivated, a top crop can be produced which will be almost as heavy as the first crop.

"The boll weevil has heretofore been the principal obstacle to the production of a profitable top crop in the Valley," one of the growers stated. "But the ravages of the leaf worm have practically eliminated all danger to a top crop from this source. There can be no doubt that in a week or two, under ordinary conditions, the Valley cotton fields would have been badly infested with weevils, but the loss of foliage and the complete exposure of all parts of the stalk to the sunshine, has evidently eliminated the weevil as a factor to contend with. If the leaf worm had not defoliated the cotton, there is no doubt that any attempt to produce a top crop would not prove very successful, but I am very optimistic in regard to the results which I believe can be obtained this year."

The growers recommend that the first crop be picked as soon as possible, the fields irrigated and well cultivated, expressing the opinion that the plant would soon fruit again almost as heavily as for the first crop.

Being heavier all parts of the Valley indicate that the leaf worms are now "webbing up," and two or three weeks will elapse before the next "crop" of the pests will mature, and growers express the opinion that they will soon disappear as there is very little left for them to eat.

"I do not believe a top crop would be menaced by either the cotton worm or boll weevil," one of the growers stated. "Of course, a top crop is seldom successful in the Valley, but I believe conditions are right for it this year."

LADY ASTOR'S BILL FINALLY PASSED BY HOUSE OF COMMONS

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, July 13.—Lady Astor's bill restraining the sale of intoxicating liquors to persons under 18 years of age, passed its third and final reading in the house of commons today by a vote of 571 to 10.

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, July 13.—Edwin Scrymgeour, the only prohibitionist in the house of commons, spoke against the measure, saying that it was a licensing, not a prohibition measure, and was treacherous to the cause of temperance.

Captain Viscount Curzon, a conservative, described the bill as a stepping stone to prohibition, and asked Lady Astor if she favored prohibition. Lady Astor replied: "Prohibition has nothing to do with me; it is for the people of the country to decide. I have been called an alien attempting to impose my will on a free people. I may be an alien, but not an alien to the needs and wishes of the women of this country."

SUPPLY OF POISON RECEIVED TODAY BY A LOCAL DRUG FIRM

Approximately 600 pounds of Paris green was received at noon today by the International Drug Company, the shipment coming by express, and this supply is expected to prove of material assistance to the farmers in the Brownsville section in combating the leaf worm. There has been no poison available in this city for several days, and farmers have been unable to fight the pests. Orders by telegraph proved of little value, and the drug company was not expecting a shipment until Sunday.

Growers desiring to secure Paris green should call at once and get their supply, as the demand will doubtless be far greater than the supply available. Dr. Spivey stated in announcing the receipt of the shipment.

NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS FEARED BY DRY FORCES

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Dry forces in congress are concerned over the situation likely to arise when the next session meets. By a combination of circumstances, men slated for chairmen of the senate and house judiciary committees handling prohibition bills are Brandegee and representative Graham of Pennsylvania, both of whom voted against the eighteenth amendment, since they refused to be counted among the dries.

Mercedes High School Gets Additional Credit

(Special to the Herald.)
MERCEDES, Texas, July 13.—The Mercedes schools have been awarded an additional half unit of credit by the State Department of Education, according to a letter received by Mrs. Fred Wright, the former superintendent, thus increasing the number of affiliated credits to 24 1-2. The credit was in civics and in the comment accompanying the credit the notation was made that the work was most commendable and practical for training citizens.

The credit which was the only one applied for was granted on the work conducted by Miss Claudia Mercer, who was connected with the Mercedes schools for three years. During this time, she maintained the four English credits which the school had and secured a unit of credit in history and also one in commercial geography.

NEW YORK WOMAN COMMITTS SUICIDE; DROWNS RESCUER

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 13.—A young woman who has not been identified, leaped from the East River retaining wall today, and when two men dove to her rescue she locked her arms about their necks, pulling one, John Dunn, down to death with her. The bodies are believed to have been swept away by the current.

DEATH SENATOR DILLINGHAM TO CAUSE CHANGES

(By The Associated Press.)
MONTELEONE, Vt., July 13.—United States Senator William P. Dillingham of Vermont died here last night.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Important changes in senate committee leaderships will result from the death of Senator Dillingham, who was in line to become chairman of the judiciary committee upon reorganization of the senate next December. Senator Brandegee, republican, of Connecticut is now in line for the chairmanship.

Senator Dillingham was one of the veteran republican stalwarts, and served prominently in many capacities, especially in the legal phases of legislation. In recent years he was chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, controlling the seats of senators, and this chairmanship will probably go to Senator Spencer, republican of Missouri. In financial legislation, Senator Dillingham was also influential as senior member of the finance committee.

TRAIN DERAILMENT IN ALABAMA CAUSES LOSS OF ONE LIFE

(By The Associated Press.)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 13.—One man was killed and about thirty persons were injured, twelve seriously, early today, when the Memphis Special on the Southern Railway, was derailed two miles east of Larkinsville, Alabama.

According to reports received here fifteen of the injured are in the hospital at Huntsville, Alabama. H. L. Carr, age 19, of Durham, N. C., was killed, and Mrs. G. T. Greaves of Dallas, Texas, was among the injured.

CONVICTED OIL MAN MAY ATTEND FUNERAL OF SON

(By The Associated Press.)
FORT WORTH, Texas, July 13.—J. W. "Hog Creek" Caruth, convicted oil operator, who was taken to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, two weeks ago to begin his sentence on a mail fraud charge, will be brought back to Fort Worth to attend the funeral of his young son, who died today. An order to that effect was issued by Federal Judge Wilson.

CLAIMS BOOTLEGGERS ATTEMPTED MURDER

(By The Associated Press.)
WICHITA FALLS, Texas, July 13.—Frank Zimmerman, age 55, was shot and seriously wounded early today after he had been aroused by someone talking outside the bankhouse at the Bremer-Hamilton pool in the Archer county oil field. He told the officials he was the victim of bootleggers and that he had been warned to leave the community. Six suspects are being held in connection with the shooting.

"PORK" SANDWICHES NEARLY PRECIPITATED RIOT AMONG SYRIANS

A riot was nearly precipitated among the fourteen Syrian aliens whom local immigration officers transferred to Houston this week to be taken to New York for deportation.

The officers and supplied each of the aliens with a big roast beef sandwich before the train left Brownsville. They had fourteen Syrians in the party, ten of whom were Mohammedans and the others Christians. One of the Christians, whose hunger was greater than his honesty informed one of his Mohammedan countrymen that the sandwiches were not beef, but that the flesh of "a filthy hog" had been utilized in their preparation. The Mohammedans expressed disgust and immediately gave their sandwiches to the four Christians. After the four had disposed of the fourteen sandwiches one of them casually remarked that they had been mistaken in believing that they were pork sandwiches, and then the argument commenced. For several minutes the special car resounded with Syrian adjectives and expletives, and the immigration officers were forced to intervene to prevent another Near East insurrection.

The Mohammedans were vociferous in their demands that their Christian compatriots receive some form of punishment, and the latter were equally vociferous in stating that their classification of the sandwiches had merely been a mistake in judgment.

In order to prevent a holy war, the Mohammedans were given another supply of beef sandwiches and tranquility was restored, though they never ceased to regard their Christian compatriots with deep, dark suspicion.

War Finance Corporation Report Shows Improved Business Through U. S.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Evidence of the gradual restoration of commercial stability in general business, particularly in the agricultural industry, is given today in the report of the War Finance Corporation on its operations for the fiscal year ending June 30.

The advance during the twelve months aggregated only \$43,761,000, while more than \$146,000,000 was repaid on loans. Repayments for previous fiscal years totaled \$142,000,000. In loans to \$79,000,000. Managing Director Meyer said the large excess repayments over advances the past year shows there is more money in the banks everywhere than during the year ending June 30, 1922.

During the period ending June 30, Meyer said, the country sought loans from the corporations because the greater city banks were not in a position to extend all the credit required. The situation is reversed now. The city banks not only have plenty of money, but are seeking to make loans to country correspondents.

HARDING'S PARTY WILL LAND TODAY AT SEWARD, ALASKA

(By The Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., July 13.—The United States transport Henderson this morning was approaching Seward, on Resurrection Bay, Alaska, the southern terminus of the Alaskan railroad where President Harding and Mrs. Harding expected to land about noon. The ship north to Fairbanks and the Canadian territory.

ABOARD U. S. S. HENDERSON WITH PRESIDENT HARDING, JULY 13.

President Harding will make the trip from San Diego, Calif., to New York via the Panama Canal and Porto Rico on the marine transport Henderson, instead of on the shipboard steamer. President Harding and Mrs. Harding will be accompanied by a number of their friends.

Definite arrangements for the use of the Henderson were decided yesterday and announcement was made that the schedule for the return trip provided for the arrival of the presidential party at New York August 27.

It was considered likely that the president would deliver an address there before proceeding to Washington.

MULE TEAM, SMUGGLED OVER RIO-THREE YEARS AGO, SOLD BY CUSTOMS

A Los Fresnos farmer who purchased a team of mules three years ago from a Mexican, today purchased them from the United States government for \$87.50.

The mules were seized by Customs Officers Shears and Campbell upon the grounds that they had been smuggled across the Rio Grande. They bore a Mexican ranch brand, and it is evident that the Mexican smuggled them across the river, and the farmer, not being aware of the fact that they were smuggled animals, paid the Mexican a good price for them. He received no bill of sale from the Mexican, or certificate that the duty had been paid.

Customs officers are under orders to seize smuggled animals or goods regardless of how long they have been in this country, and purchasers should ascertain that animals purchased have not been smuggled.

The mules were sold this morning at auction, the farmer bidding them in.

TURNIPS CONCEAL MOONSHINE BEAUMONT, TEXAS, JULY 13.

Jefferson county officers today found a patch of turnips, neatly planted, covering a cellar door. The removal of the door disclosed a hundred gallons of mash and several bottles of moonshine.

FOUND GUILTY OF CONTEMPT LAS VEGAS, N. M., JULY 13.—

Carl C. Magee, editor of the Albuquerque Tribune, was held guilty of contempt of court today by District Judge D. W. J. Leahy, here today after the close of his trial for the publication of articles alleged to be derogatory of Leahy and other court officials.

CONVICTED OF MURDER
TEXARKANA, Texas, July 13.—W. W. Tucker, was convicted of murder in the Bowie county district court and sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary.

Tucker was charged with killing John Locke, at Dalby Springs on April 1, Easter Sunday, while Locke was on his way to Sunday School.

BIG INDUSTRIAL CENTER IN RUHR IS TAKEN OVER

(By The Associated Press.)
BERLIN, July 13.—French troops have occupied the big industrial cities of Eberfeld and Barmen on the edge of the Ruhr region, according to advice received this morning from the Ruhr. The town of Limburg, just beyond the Coblenz bridge head, was occupied by the French yesterday as a permanent occupation town.

Several Barmen city officials were arrested, after which the French withdrew. It is understood that the operation was undertaken to impose a penalty for numerous recent frontier incidents, including the seizing and disarming of two French soldiers by a band of security police and also sniping operations against the French.

The French later evacuated Barmen, taking with them as hostages the manager of the local Reichsbank and a number of police officials. They also seized eight billion marks.

DALLAS BOY SAVES CHILD FROM DEATH IN BURNING HOUSE

DALLAS, Texas, July 13.—Gale Warren, 14 years of age, risked his life in a burning building here today to rescue the three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Popejoy. Noticing that the house was on fire, he looked through the window and saw the baby on the bed, the mother having gone to the home of a neighbor. He smashed the window, crawled in, and carried the infant out.

URUGUAYAN CITY BADLY WRECKED BY GREAT STORM

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, July 13.—Three days of storm and flood have wrought great damage in this city, the loss being estimated at more than a million dollars. It is believed that at least five lives have been lost.

The position of the British freighter Trefusis, which has been reported aground off the Uruguayan coast, has not yet been located.

BONES OF ANCIENT MAMMAL DISCOVERED IN SAND OF ARIZONA

YUMA, Ariz., July 13.—A petrified specimen believed to be a part of the backbone of a prehistoric mammoth of dinosaur with fragments of the ribs still attached has been brought here from the Mohawk district in eastern Yuma county and placed on display.

The bones were found in sandy soil but portions of quartz adhering to the bones are believed to indicate that the remains have been under pressure for centuries.

Plans are under way for an expedition to the site of the find in an effort to locate the rest of the gigantic skeleton. If the site proves to be a rich fossil field an attempt probably will be made to interest the University of Arizona in more extensive excavations.

CLAIMS TOMMIE BELL WAS GUILTY OF KILLING

(By The Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, Texas, July 13.—Tommie Bell, one of the four men killed in the street encounter at Sealy last September, and not John Miller, stabbed Ernest Schaffner during the clash, according to testimony introduced at the trial of Miller on a charge of assault to murder today. The defense rested its case this morning.

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